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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, officers of the Co-operative department when their services are lent usually receive a deputation allowance equal to 25 per cent of their grade pay."

Publication of the Public Health Bulletin by the Director of Public Health.

* 101 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have permitted the Director of Public Health to publish " Public Health Bulletin "; and if so, the purpose for which sanction was given for the publication of the bulletin;

(*b*) when the first issue of the bulletin was published and how many issues thereafter have come out;

(*c*) the cost involved in publishing the bulletins so far;

(*d*) if the publication of the bulletin had since been suspended, what the reasons therefor are; and

(*e*) what procedure is in force to keep the officers and subordinates of the department up to date in their technical knowledge?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Government permitted the Director of Public Health in 1949 to publish the Public Health Bulletin. The purpose was to keep the officers of the department informed of the technical matters relating to Public Health and the development of knowledge and its application in the field of Public Health from time to time.

" (*b*) The first issue was published in July 1949. Two more issues for August and September 1949 came out.

" (*c*) Rs. 450.

" (*d*) The publication was stopped owing to the difficulty in getting a continuous flow of contributions of quality from the officers of the department who were busily engaged with their onerous routine work and the difficulty in getting the editing, proof-reading and printing of the bulletins done without additional assistance.

" (*e*) Items of topical interest to the department and departmental information of outstanding importance are printed from time to time and distributed to all officers. The question of reviving the publication of the Health Bulletin is also under consideration."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Sir, in view of the valuable information contained in these bulletins, will the Government consider it desirable to make it part of the duty of the officers that they should contribute articles of an informative value? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. Proposals have been received from the Director of Public Health for the revival of the publication of the Public Health Bulletin which was discontinued since 1948. The Government will soon give sanction for the publication of this bulletin."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Sir, instead of making the Director of Public Health responsible for the publication of the bulletin, would it not be better to have a separate editor with a separate office for this purpose? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it will be done, if it is found necessary."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, is there any idea to suspend the publication of the bulletin soon after it is published? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, there is no such idea."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, will the Government consider the question of publishing this bulletin in the regional languages also so that the information may be made available for the rural population as well? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the idea of the publication of this bulletin is to supply useful information to the Health Officers, Health Inspectors and the Sanitary Inspectors."

Report submitted by the Hotel Sanitation Committee.

* 102 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hotel Sanitation Committee submitted its report and, if so, when; and

(*b*) the action taken by the Government on the report?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir, In September 1951.

" (*b*) The Government examined the recommendations of the Hotel Sanitation Committee with reference to the suggestions and comments offered by local bodies, prominent citizens and newspapers and in consultation with the Director of Public Health and other heads of departments concerned. The orders passed on the various paragraphs of the Committee's Report are contained in G.O. No. 1000, Health, dated 19th March 1953, copies of which have been communicated to all members of the Legislature."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :— " Sir, may I know how many of the recommendations of the Committee have been accepted and how many have not been accepted? "